



# The Cub Chatter

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- 26.....Non-Fundraiser Gold Donors and Families Ice Cream Social

## Welcome Back Avery Cubs!

We, your PTA Board, hope you had a restful and fun summer vacation. We also hope you are ready for an exciting fun-filled new year at Avery Elementary!

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage all Avery families to become privileged members of our Parent Teacher Association (PTA). One of the main goals of the Avery PTA is to enhance and maximize the education of every child while aiding them in achieving their highest potential. We also seek to improve our children's educational experience at Avery by strengthening the connection between home and school. We support a wide variety of fun and enriching programs and events, and represent the parent community in meetings with school administration. We encourage you to attend our PTA meetings. Look for a calendar of all the family fun events planned for this year coming home soon!

The PTA also needs volunteers for every program and event that we will sponsor this year. Please take a moment and sign up for the activity you'd like to help out with this year. Volunteering does not mean a huge time commitment. Whatever your time schedule and interests, we have a need for you. We have tasks that can be performed in the evenings, during the day, or that don't even involve coming to the school at all. Remember, as former U.S. Commissioner of Education Francis Keppel once said, "**Education is too important to be left solely to the educators.**" Let's strengthen Avery's parental involvement and get involved where you are able!

Please feel free to contact me or any of your PTA Board Members with any questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to a successful partnership with parents, teachers, and community this 2008-2009 school year!

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# 2007-2008 Avery PTA Survey - The Results Are In!



Last spring, the PTA collected valuable information from Avery parents and teachers through our PTA Satisfaction Survey. We are working hard to incorporate the suggestions and opinions of the surveys received. We received 77 surveys. Thank you for such a great response!

In the area of fundraising, parents overwhelmingly indicated a desire for a Non-Fundraiser or Direct Donation Campaign. We are following through on this and will run such a campaign. The surveys also indicated that Avery spirit wear and Frosty Frog coupon books were good ideas and should be considered again. Again, we listened and will sell newly designed spirit wear over the first two weeks of school!! Look for Frosty Frog coupon books during the holiday season for stocking stuffers and gifts!

In the area of Family Fun Events, parents definitely wanted more!! Grub with the Grinch and Family Bingo Night were the top two events parents wanted to see again. The PTA Board will work diligently to continue these events and add even more family friendly events to our 2008-2009 calendar. Currently in the works are a Family Fun Dance and Silent Auction featuring class-made creations and other top notch items. We are also working on adding Parent Information Nights (PIN) featuring Avery's philosophy, Love & Logic.

In the area of communications, the surveys reflected that the majority of parents felt informed about PTA events/activities through the PTA newsletter, the Cub Chatter, as well as event fliers and email reminders. The surveys did indicate that parents under-utilized our PTA website, [www.averypta.org](http://www.averypta.org).

We made several changes and additions to our website late in the last school year and hope to make further improvements this year to increase the website's usability. The 2008-2009 PTA Board hopes to better its communications with parents by providing more timely notification of all of its events. Our year long calendar is included below in hopes that PTA dates will be saved by Avery families. This calendar will include all PTA General Session Meetings for the 2008-2009 school year in hopes that attendance will increase. The PTA will also be trying to "Go Green" by using a "Youngest or Only" list to send PTA notices/fliers home so that families will not receive duplicates of notices including our Cub Chatter newsletter.

As indicated by the surveys, parents want PTA monies to directly benefit Avery students and teachers. Last year, \$8200 went toward improving and enhancing educational experiences at Avery. So far this year, the PTA hosted a Welcome Back Luncheon for the Avery faculty as well as provided a small "start-up" fund for each classroom teacher. In addition, the PTA hopes to fund a teacher grant program to further assist teachers in providing the very best education for Avery students.

All in all, based on the surveys, the 2007-2008 Avery PTA had a very successful first year! We would again like to thank those Avery parents and teachers who completed and returned their PTA Satisfaction Surveys. Congratulations again to Sarah Vaughn who was our gift card winner last May.



## Mark Your Calendars... Avery PTA 2008-2009

### August

8<sup>th</sup> Non-Fundraiser Kick-Off  
 15<sup>th</sup> Reflections Program Begins  
 Spiritwear Order Deadline  
 19<sup>th</sup> Room Parent Coordinator Meeting, 10:00 AM, Cafeteria  
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### September

1<sup>st</sup> Labor Day  
 12<sup>th</sup> Non-Fundraiser Deadline  
 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Fall Break  
 26<sup>th</sup> Non Fundraiser Gold Donors and Families Ice Cream Social

### October

10<sup>th</sup> Reflections Entries Final Deadline  
 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Bus Driver Appreciation Week  
 17<sup>th</sup> Family Movie Night  
 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> Red Ribbon Week

### November

4<sup>th</sup> Election Day, No School  
 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> Canned Food Drive for MUST Ministries  
 18<sup>th</sup> PTA General Session Meeting, 7:00 PM; Kindergarten Thanksgiving Program  
 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Break

### December

1<sup>st</sup> Frosty Frog Coupon Sales Begin  
 8<sup>th</sup> Toys for Tots Drive Begins (Student Council)  
 13<sup>th</sup> Grub with the Grinch, 8:00 - 10:00 AM, Cafeteria  
 22<sup>nd</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> Holiday Break

### January

1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Holiday Break  
 13<sup>th</sup> PTA General Session Meeting, 7:00 PM; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Performance  
 19<sup>th</sup> MLK Day

### February

2<sup>nd</sup> Blood Drive  
 7<sup>th</sup> Family Fun Dance and Silent Auction  
 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Winter Break

### March

2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Talent Show Try-Outs  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Exceptional Children's Week  
 13<sup>th</sup> Talent Show  
 22<sup>nd</sup> PTA State Reflections Reception, Atlanta History Center

### April

6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Spring Break  
 14<sup>th</sup> PTA General Session Meeting, 3:45 PM; (Media Center) \*\*Elections\*\*

### May

4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Teacher Appreciation Week  
 5<sup>th</sup> Cultural Arts Day  
 5<sup>th</sup> PTA General Session Meeting, 7:00 PM; 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus Performance  
 25<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day  
 29<sup>th</sup> Last Day of School

# PTA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Avery E.S. PTA is looking for you! Please join us by completing the membership form below. Only adults may join. Becoming part of the PTA does not automatically make you a volunteer. We will not call you unless you let us know that you would like to help us out. **If you would like to volunteer for one of our committees, please sign up at the membership table or email us at [averyespta@yahoo.com](mailto:averyespta@yahoo.com).**

THANK YOU!

## PTA MEMBERSHIP      \$6.00 each

Please complete the membership form and return it, along with cash or check made payable to Avery E.S. PTA, to school in an envelope marked "Avery E.S. PTA". Your membership card or cards will be sent home with your child in approximately 1-2 weeks.

Date of Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's name, grade, teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's name, grade, teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's name, grade, teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an employee at Avery E. S.? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of PTA memberships: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00 ea. = \_\_\_\_\_

Total check amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid in Cash: \_\_\_\_\_



# Do you like to cook?

If so, **WE NEED YOU!** The PTA is looking for volunteers to cook baked goods, casseroles, salads, etc. a few times a year as a treat for our wonderful faculty and staff. If you are interested in helping, please complete this form and return to your child's teacher. Please contact Emily Jobe at [emjobe03@comcast.net](mailto:emjobe03@comcast.net), Tracie Steiner at [traciesteiner@yahoo.com](mailto:traciesteiner@yahoo.com) or Stacy Fouts at [afouts@alltel.net](mailto:afouts@alltel.net) with questions.

I would be willing to help in:

\_\_\_\_\_ August      \_\_\_\_\_ October      \_\_\_\_\_ December  
\_\_\_\_\_ February      \_\_\_\_\_ March      \_\_\_\_\_ May  
\_\_\_\_\_ Any month where help is needed

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Time to Order Your Avery Spiritwear!

School is starting and it's a great time to order your Avery Tee Shirts and Shorts to show off your school spirit!

Order forms are available this week and the order deadline is August 15, 2008. Make your check to Avery PTA and your order will be delivered in 3-4 weeks.

This year, we have your choice of White or Gold Tee Shirts with the Avery school logo and a fun Tie-Dye Avery Tee Shirt in Green. The shorts are available in Navy. The regular shirts range from \$10.00 for Youth, \$12.00 for Adult and \$12.00 for XXL. The Tie-Dye tees start at \$16.00 for Youth, \$20.00 for Adult and \$20.00 for XXL. Shorts are \$14.00 for Youth, \$17.00 for Adults and \$17.00 for XXL.

Your child will be bringing home the order form which includes a size chart and additional information.

Remember, we need **everyone** to show off their Avery school spirit this school year! Spiritwear is great for school events, spirit days and field trips!





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